

TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR.

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CRASH ON
THE OVERLANDGOVERNMENT IS SCORED
AWFUL DEEDS
BY ANARCHISTSHerr Bebel's Speech Is the
Exciting Feature of
the Day.Persons Killed and
Twenty or More
Injured.

FREIGHT HEAD ON

Take Fire and a Num-
ber of Passengers
Burn Up.

Dec. 7.—Nine persons, eleven train employees passengers were injured in a freight train passenger on the Union Pacific at Rock Springs, Wyo., just back this morning. The men were loaded by a freight car. Passengers were demolished, mail car and dunnage car were burned up. The names of the dead were not disclosed and reported follows:

The Dead.
John J. Brink, Omaha,
and Ed. Rosenbaum, Oak-

land, John Lewis, Omaha,
and others names not given.
John Stroh and assistant
John Brink, of Rawlins,
Wyoming, Rawlins,
Employed Injured.

Walter, Oakland, Cal.,
Walter, Omaha,
Walter, Omaha
and third cook, San Fran-

cooker, conductor,
John engineer,
John porter, Chicago,
Passenger, Fremont,
Passenger, leg broken,
Passenger, skull fractured.

Passenger Injured.
Would not give name.
Salt Lake, sprained

M. C. Blackett, Oakland, Cal.,
injuries.

E. L. Lissick, San Francisco,
injuries.

Mc. Rilev, San Francisco, con-
right knee and right wrist.

Black, San Francisco, bruises
wrist.

Robert, San Francisco, left leg
and right hand slightly cut.

Two dead cooks are all white
The waiters were colored.

Forged One Train.
One freight train was given an
order. It left Rock Springs to
a east bound passenger train
in the Overland Limited was the
at Ansay, a station five miles
Rock Springs. The freight took
it at Ansay and waited there
one of these trains had passed
and then pulled out. When a mile
west of Ansay the freight
overland limited, and crashed
down.

Engines were demolished and
a first cars of the Overland
immediately caught fire and
completely destroyed.

Cold Him His Life.

In Brink, of the freight train,
stated, officially, was re-
for overrunning his orders,
the killed. Several trains
badly derailed at Granger,
result that the four passen-
were running close to each
so freight had received pos-
to meet all four of these
Ansay and the officials say
orders were either misun-
derstood. Relief trains with
cars and a large number
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on Rock Springs and Grange-
now at the scene of the

NEW BILLS IN
THE HOPPER

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measure familiarly known as the educational test introduced two years ago
providing the death penalty for the
assassination of a president, vice president
or any ambassador or minister of for-
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also provides a sentence of not less
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inate those officials.

In the house:
By Jenkins, of Wisconsin, extending
all United States extradition laws to
the Philippines.

By Murdoch, of Kansas, creating a
commission of five senators and five
representatives to investigate railway
capitalization.

By Shackleford, of Missouri, to put
printing paper and wood pulp on the
free list.

By Smith, of Illinois, for one cent
letter postage.

By Cooper, of Wisconsin, setting
aside 40 per cent of the money realized
from the land sales in the Philippines
for school purposes in the islands.

New Captain Elected.

Dec. 7.—John Gilchrist, who
will back and tackle on the
state university team this
night elected captain of
the eleven.

Bedells Still Lead.

Dec. 7.—The Bedells still
rule race by one lap. The
one o'clock this (Friday)
was 1.574 miles. 1 lap.

Nephew of The Great.

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ney, nephew of the Russian
boxer, fought defeated "Farmer"
by a mixed match. Hack-
ney was the first and third

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PROTESTS ARE MANY.

Tear Women Limb From
Limb for Preaching
Revolution.

NOTHING IS TOO HORRIBLE

Workmen Incensed Against
Strike Organizers and
Revolutionists.

London, Dec. 7.—The correspondent
of the Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in
a dispatch dated Dec. 6, while protest-
ing against "exaggerated and grotes-
que rumors" circulated around about
horror prevalent in Russia, admits al-
most anything is possible to Russian
people in "this time of revolution." He
blames anarchists as being largely re-
sponsible for existing situation. The
correspondent declares: "While Witte's
cabinet stands there will still be hope
for Russia, but when it disappears the
deluge will begin. Even now dark
clouds are visibly gathering. Peasants
clamor for land but they will not of
disrespect to the emperor. A large
percentage of workmen also are in-
censed against strike organizers and
revolutionists and in some cases
against the Jews."

The correspondent relates two in-
stances—one that of a beautiful Jew-
ish girl in the village of Ivanovo and
another that of a school mistress named
Doughenzoff in Kulan district,
both of whom were torn to pieces by
infuriated mobs for preaching revolution.

He says: "These doings make
civilized people shudder, yet they are
part of what is threatening on a large
scale by the element of reaction
which is gathering its forces."

Divorce And A
POISON MYSTERY

The Illness of Hotel Guests Is Linked
With a Domestic Scandal.

Indians, Ind., Dec. 7.—The people
of Middletown, Henry county, are
excited over the mysterious poisoning
of forty guests at the Welch hotel,
many of whom were not pronounced
out of danger until this morning.
There is little doubt poison was mixed
with the food and the people generally
are connecting it with the divorce
suit of Frank W. Cooper and a suit
brought against Mrs. Anna Welch by
Mrs. Cooper for \$50,000 damages for
alienating her husband's affections.

Mrs. Welch is the owner of much
real estate, and Mr. Cooper has been
her business manager for two or three
years, making one trip to the kindred
with her. Recently he brought suit
for divorce and the decree was entered
within an hour, he and his wife having
agreed upon a division of the
property.

Mrs. Cooper then changed her mind
and asked that the decree be set aside
and her prayer was granted. Her hus-
band then filed another suit for di-
vorce, making a number of ugly
charges, and taking his two daughters
to their Welch hotel to live. Mrs.
Cooper then filed suit for damages
against Mrs. Welch.

Cooper and his two daughters and
Mrs. Welch are among those most se-
riously affected by the poison, but all
will recover.

THE BOND HOLDERS.

The Result of Recent Canvass Is Made
Known.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Preparations
for the hanging of Mrs. Mary Rogers
were practically complete tonight and
unless Governor Bell again reprieves
the murderer will pay the pen-
alty of her crime tomorrow. The gal-
lows have been set up in the west wing
of the prison, where it has been erected
twice before for the execution of the
woman.

During the afternoon Sheriff Peck
read the death warrant to Mrs. Rogers.
She listened without emotion.
This was the third time the death
warrant had been read to her.

HERMIT BANKER
BURNED TO DEATH

James L. Blodgett, Worth Millions,
Perishes in Flames.

WATSON, N. Y., Dec. 7.—James L.
Blodgett, the hermit banker of Hermit-
age, was burned to death today in his
house, which burned to the ground.
He was estimated to be worth a million
dollars. It is believed the fire caught
from overheated stove.

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NYOAMA ENTERS
IN GREAT TRIUMPH

Tokio Demonstration Fully Equals that
Given to Admiral Togo.

TOKIO, Dec. 7, 11:30 a. m.—Field
Marshal Oyama and his staff made a
triumphal entry into Tokio this morning.
The enthusiasm and magnitude of
Oyama's reception equalled that given to Admiral Togo. Despite
the inclement weather, crowds of stu-
dents and representatives of various
classes and interests thickly lined the
streets, and, although exposed to the
rain, lustily cheered the marshal and
his staff while enroute to the Imperial
palace. The newspapers of all shades
of opinion are highly eulogistic today
of the achievements of Marquis Oyama,
his generals and the men under his
command.

A holiday has been declared in the
whole city in honor of the day.

CASEY WANTS REVENGE.

Asks that Railroad Managers Be In-
dicted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Indictments are
expected within a few days from the
federal grand jury involving railroad
officials and at least one railroad man-
ager. B. S. Casey, traffic manager of
the Scharzchild & Sulzberger packing
concern, was before the inquisitorial
body today for several hours and at
the conclusion of his testimony was
said certain railroads and officials
would be indicted on charges of ex-
tending rebates to the packing com-
panies in violation of law. Last sum-
mer Casey was indicted and pleaded
guilty to a charge of accepting rail-
road rebates, for which he paid a fine
of \$5,000. Later Casey testified in the
case of the Interstate commerce com-
mission against several railroads to
compel them to comply with orders of
the commission.

Securities Stolen

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 8.—It is assert-
ed today that \$30,000 worth of non-
negotiable securities were stolen from
the store of Coey Mercantile Co., at
Rockford by two safe blowers, who
raided the place last Tuesday morn-
ing. They also got about \$200 cash.

KNAPP FAVORS IT.

Believes Railroads Right in Refusing
of Passes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Senator Knapp
of the interstate commerce commission
today declared himself in favor of the
action of railroads who have served
notices that after January 1 they would
issue no more passes.

BACK WAS BROKEN.

Leo McNally Succumbs to Injuries Re-
ceived in Foot Ball.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 7.—Leo Mc-
Nally, 24 years old, who was injured in
a foot ball game in this city on
Thanksgiving day, died today. Mc-
Nally's back was broken in a mass

play.

CONFIRMED.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate con-
firmed Charles Joseph Bonaparte, of
Maryland, as secretary of the navy, and
Truman Handy, of Newberry, Michi-
gan, as assistant secretary of the navy.

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received of the death at Geneva, Switz-
erland, yesterday of Brig. Gen. Morris C. Foote, U. S. A., retired.

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Christiansburg, Dec. 7.—All Norway to-
day celebrated the half anniversary of
the dissolution June 7 of the union
with Sweden. There were thanksgiving
services in all the churches and the people enjoyed a general holiday.
King Haakon, Queen Maud and the
ministers attended the services at the
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NEARBY TOWNS

MOUNTAIN

several weeks, departed on Friday evening for their home in Rensselaer, Ind.

Emmett Hull, who is attending school at Lafayette, Ind., spent the holidays with his parents, J. C. Hull and wife.

Miss Margaret Jordan of the Rantoul schools spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan, returning home on Sunday.

Floyd, the little son of John Turner, who was kidnapped ten days ago by a horse, is slightly improved.

P. B. Herring and wife entertained a number of friends at dinner, Thanksgiving day in honor of Mrs. Nelson of Mattoon.

Dr. S. H. Thorpe and wife of Decatur, J. C. Myers and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hull of Clinton took Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Thorpe.

The horses at the sale here on Saturday at the Livern Barn brought good prices. One team of black horses brought \$340, another horse sold for \$350. Others are good.

Mrs. Jeff Dunbar of Goff, Col., arrived on Monday for a visit and has joined her husband, who has been here for several weeks. They leave in a short time for their future home in Missouri.

Misses Nora Jeffrey and Bessie Karr of Clinton spent the holiday with their parents here.

Elmer Kinan and wife have moved from Long Point into the D. Powers home also his mother and brother, John and George, Sunday.

The church is without a family moved to Mississinewa from Fulton to settled in their new home pleased with their surroundings.

Misses Hall and Lindsey are becoming.

One who was called here of his father, returned saying Mr. Corbett much enjoyed Thanksgiving with his wife and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dunn and family attended dinner at Waukegan Sunday.

LONG CREEK

Dec. 6.—The Misses Nease, Beamer of Decatur, accompanied Miss Cyndie.

Dec. 7.—A good Thanksgiving will be conducted at Peoria.

Greenfield is on the sick list.

Underwood and family of Thanksgiving with Mr. parents.

WAPELIA

Dec. 4.—W. R. Clark is in town on extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clegg called to Burlington to the bedside of Brighton's invalid mother on Saturday.

Mr. Turner much improved. Mrs. Nuss, who have been illerman and wife for

spent Thanksgiving with Williams' Bros. in Decatur.

Mrs. Miles of Belmont spent Saturday with Mrs. Wm. Gifford.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wiggins and family spent Sunday in Decatur.

Mrs. Ishler of Martinsville remained after spending Thanksgiving with her daughter, Mrs. C. F. Ishler.

Ebelt Cox returned to his home in Tennessee Monday.

D. Allen made a business trip to Decatur Saturday.

Geo. Becker and Bennett Armstrong Jr., started for Oklahoma Tuesday morning.

The car for J. Beldinger's household goods arrived Tuesdays. He is moving back to his farm in Iowa.

Messrs. Chas. Taylor, Robert Sherrill and Ike Hawley started on their regular hunting trip to Mississippi Tuesday.

Wm. Voorhees left for New Orleans Tuesday to spend the winter.

OREANA

Special to The Herald.

Dec. 6.—A number from here attended the funeral of J. Stearns which was held from the residence near Decatur Sunday morning.

Miss Birthe Stoen of Monticello, visited over Sunday with relatives near here.

J. Shastid and wife of Decatur spent Sunday with relatives here.

The Van Hall family of Decatur will give a concert at the M. E. church Thursday evening, Dec. 22.

A moving picture entertainment is to be given at the opera house the last of this week.

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Mr. and Miss Mcatee of Hammond, have been with their brother, Richard, for several days.

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Mrs. Leila Welles, who is attending the U. of I. came home Wednesday evening of last week for vacation and returned to her studies Sunday.

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ited relatives returned their home in Bloomington.

H. C. Suttle went to Chicago Sunday. George Myers who had a week's vacation returned to school at Decatur Monday.

E. W. Fruitt has been sick and Dr. Wilcox of Clinton was called to see him Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. DeTrick were in Clinton Saturday.

James Randolph, field agent, returned to Hazel, Arkansas Tuesday.

Mrs. Harms came home Monday from Decatur reporting her uncle no better.

Mr. and Mrs. Pennington of Springfield spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. R. Kirby.

Miss Clara Stewart of Clinton was a guest of Miss Ida Strope over Thanksgiving with Mrs. Grace McKinney.

A. W. Bennett of Maroa has purchased the "Benton-Stewart" store at this place. He has taken possession and will move his family here in about a week.

MAROA

Dec. 5.—Miss Myra Delano is visiting friends in Champaign this week.

Lon Bartlett and wife and Mrs. George Farren and daughter Miss Pogue left yesterday for a tour of the west. They intend to visit Denver, Salt Lake City and other places of interest and will complete the trip with Southern California where they intend to remain the rest of the winter.

John Lump was a business visitor in Decatur.

J. M. Barracks and family leave today for Indianapolis, Ind., with the intention of making the Hoosier state their future home.

Jud Braden and Frank Schenck attended the "Bell of Broadway" at the Grand opera house in Decatur Monday evening.

Geo. Day, who has been ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Hodges, for some time left yesterday for his home in Madison county, Ark.

Marion Lodge 454 A. F. and A. M. held their annual election of officers last night.

Willow Lane school will give an entertainment and basket supper next Friday evening.

CLINTON

Special to The Herald.

Clinton, Dec. 6.—W. H. Armstrong of this place is moving to Indianapolis this week.

Wm. Clemens, Jr., came from Peoria to spend a few days with his family.

Burglars entered the hardware store of Carl & House on night last week, drilled a hole in the safe, and blew the door to pieces, but found no money.

Nothing was missing except a little gunpowder which was used to do the work.

There was a large sale at the farm of W. H. Pirke, just north of town today, thirty head of horses and mules and three car loads of Missouri cattle were disposed of at fair prices.

Wm. Clemens, P. M. has announced that Rural route No. 3 will start from this office Feb. 1st.

The boiler of the furnace at the school house broke sometime Saturday and will be replaced this week by a new one, so there will be no school until this furnace is put back into operation.

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Milmine, Dec. 6.—Ray Glen has accepted a position with Williams' Bros. in Decatur.

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W. H. Armstrong, 321 West Main street yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lee, 623 West Main street are entertaining their nephew, Thomas Allen of Champaign, this week.

W. R. Black sang a solo at the C. P. church Sunday morning which was highly appreciated.

Clarence Smith, the new barber, is progressing finely at the trade.

W. F. Roberts has gone to Florida to spend the winter.

DELAND

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Deland, Dec. 6.—Missionary meeting was held at Mrs. E. C. Chenoweth's Friday afternoon.

Charles McIntosh, county superintendent of schools, visited Deland Monday.

Rollen Blodet returned to his studies at Champaign Monday.

Dr. McLeod's cousin visited in Deland Saturday.

John Cox, 623 West Washington street, the first of the week.

John Cox and little son, Brent, went to White Heath Monday morning.

Bruce Rhinehart and bride returned Friday afternoon. They were married Thanksgiving evening at the home of Wm. H. Day was shopping in Deland Tuesday.

The dinner served by the M. E. Ladies Aid society Thanksgiving day was an excellent spread. The ladies received a good sum for their good work.

Ned Davy of Leroy was here from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. Bushes of White Heath, after several days' visit with the new grandsons at John Cox's, returned home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. John Dresbach, Jr., is doing well as can be expected since she was operated upon at the hospital in Champaign last Friday.

John Henson, who is studying medicine at Rush Medical College, has returned to Chicago after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Henson.

The Fortnightly Club entertained the Ladies Club of this city yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. B. Phillips, 219 South Center street.

Weldon Springs, Rebecca Lodge No. 26, initiated eleven candidates Monday night, the work being exemplified by the local team. After the initiatory work was given all were invited to partake of an oyster supper which had been provided by the ladies.

The ladies of the Fortnightly club entertained their husbands and other guests at the home of Mrs. A. H. Phillips, 219 South Center street last evening. A literary and musical program was given after which refreshments were served.

CISCO

Special Correspondence.

Cisco, Dec. 6.—Miss Davids spent Thanksgiving with home folks in Beloit.

Barney made an extra trip Sunday and dropped a few empty cans at the stores.

Dr. and Mrs. Pattenhill were the guests of his parents, Thanksgiving, about six miles east of Para.

Miss Hiles spent her Thanksgiving vacation with her brothers and sisters at Bloomington.

Mrs. Read living east of town, who has been quite sick is much improved.

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Entered at the post office at Decatur, Ill., as second class matter. Address communications to THE HERALD, Decatur, Ill.

Mrs. Claxwick appealed in court to bankruptcy proceedings a few days ago but the fact created no excitement even though she suffered a collapse during the proceedings. Even the 221st law journals gave her no notice.

Europe produces many churches and sects. An Ark uses City men who had two sons advanced back his third wife to the other recently. His two rather wives have been good friends, and when the couple took their seats in the church around and to his son's baptism he had his three wives in a row beside him.

There at present appears to be 10 ways to save Mr. Roger from the gallows. She was convicted of the charge of killing her husband to secure life insurance and nearly another man. This has occurred in the state of Vermont. No doubt the woman is a degenerate but she is a woman and the state ought to find some way to mitigate the sentence to imprisonment for life.

The president in his message takes issue squarely with the demand of certain that it is that the federal courts be deprived of the power to issue injunctions in labor disputes. For while some judge may have misused their power, he is persistent that the denial of that power on that account would be as disastrous as the denial of the right to strike because the power to all strikes has been misused by some other states.

CORRUPTION AMONG THE FATHERS.

The Springfield Republican views the future optimistically, encouraged by the progress of the past. It says:

The general feeling of satisfaction over the uprisings against political machines in the recent elections reflects a stronger optimism concerning the fundamental moral soundness of American life. There is probably today less assension over the scandals and frauds in business, finance and politics than seemed to exist six or three months ago. One gets a certain taste from the spectacle of multitudes of voices expressing in an emphatic way their discontent, their repudiation thereat over the evils that surround them; for the prevalence of such a spirit among the mass of the people cannot but signify the existence of an atmosphere which is hostile to evil growths and practices.

It is a good time to take fresh courage. One is even helped in estimating correctly the moral tendencies of our age, especially in politics by recalling how wicked our ancestors were. There is much concerning "the good old days" that would be gladly forgotten, but occasionally it is necessary to compare the old and the new in an effort to keep a steady judgment concerning the real drift of things. One comes across interesting evidence of this character in a new book on Rhode Island by Mr. Richman. He tells us a significant story, showing that the struggle against corruption began as soon as the commonwealth here it is founded by Roger Williams. The latest passages present the

In the seventeenth century, as early as 1649, it was found necessary by Providence plantations to pass an act in restraint of fraudulent voting, and in 1666 under the charter a penalty of £5 was prescribed against voting on the part of persons who were not in that business.

In the eighteenth century between 1710 and 1750, the paper money era, fraudulent voting and bribery were practiced with extreme boldness.

Throughout the period of the Hopkins-Ward controversy, which did not end until 1768 votes respectively in Narragansett were bought quite systematically.

In 1790 ratification of the federal constitution is said to have been secured through purchased votes, those of delegates from "black towns."

This, of course, is shocking testimony by a historical scholar of government concerning the nattered days of long ago, when "flyers" in government tracts were unknown, when political machinations were too primitive to count, when there were no municipal water works to plunder, and when the first life insurance president in America was yet unborn. It helps, however, to set one's perspective straight, and to furnish data for a proper estimate of present-day problems.

If the American people of this generation were not alive to the perils of the moral degeneracy in their political parties, the prospect would be most dark. The contrary seems to be true.

They have lately proved that honesty and a high sense of honor appeal powerfully to their nature, and so long as such is their character, why dread the working out of their political destiny?

ADJUSTABLE TARIFF RATES.

On the great principle of protection, which has recently been attacked by some republicans, the president's message is satisfactory to the great mass of republicans who cannot be stampeded by the vaporings of a few Massachusetts manufacturers and the Communists of the west. The standard-patters, as they are called, have been told to the views of the revisionists but there is nothing in the reference to the tariff in the message to prove that such is the case. The only utterance which the revisionists can construe as favoring their policy is the suggestion to congress that it might be well to consider the propriety of establishing a maximum and minimum tariff for the purpose of securing advantageous reciprocity treaties. This is what the revisionists talked about in the recent reciprocity convention in Chicago. But the chances are ten to one that the application of the idea of the maximum and minimum tariff would be widely different between the president and that Chicago outfit. Their idea was that the maximum and minimum tariff was to be used for the purpose of inducing other nations to enter into reciprocity treaties with us, on competing grounds to get the advantage of the minimum rate. The president evidently holds no such views. He is too sure to let it enter into any such notion as that. He declares in his message that protection and free trade cannot be applied in the interest of one state or one nation against another. The revisionists think it can and here is a wide chasm between them. Holding this belief, the president could not suffer the to the idea of a maximum and minimum tariff on competitive products. Foreign manufacturers who wish to enter our markets in competition with the products of our own labor and our own fields would be interested only in our minimum tariff. The reciprocity reform would cut no figure with them if the tariff was lowered so as to admit their products in large quantities to our market our industries would be so crippled in a short time that the foreigner would not have any fear of any serious invasion of his own market, under a reciprocal treaty by our products. Such reciprocity would simply be free trade for him and ruin for us. For this reason the president has no sympathy with that kind of a maximum and minimum tariff. He is not a fraud and never deals in frauds. There is no greater fraud than the proposition that we could become more prosperous by removing the obstacles in form of tariffs, and permit other nations to come into our market and peddle their products the like of which we make for our selves on the assumption that we could sell our products, which have so displaced in the market from which the products came which displaced them. The man of sense would have notified the teacher that unless she holds school during the Christmas holidays she will receive no pay. Here is a chance for the pupils to help themselves and their teacher by refusing to put in an appearance.

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The people of Russia will eventually secure freedom but when they get it they will find that it costs something. They will find that it costs something of blood and treasure to secure that greatest political boon allotted to man. Such gifts to mankind are not handed out on silver salvers or upon angel's wings. The history of the world records the fact that such blessings come only after smoke of sacrifice has cleared away.

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will appeal more strongly to J. Pierpont Morgan than it did some time ago. His private ownership of the C. & D. & St. Pere Marquette cost him \$6,000,000.

That brilliant piece of detective work last week does not look as good as it did.

Even if there were fifty-six thousand words in the message, they were all ones and meant something.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 6.—Editor Herold: The parents and friends of the "youthful bairlings" should certainly feel grateful (?) to the superintendent of schools for the keeping of a "black book" record of the daily walkings of these boys, and flaunting the same before the public through the columns of the newspaper. If he has a right (which is questionable) to keep such a record, it should certainly be for the use and information of those and those only who are directly connected with the administration of our schools, and not for publication.

It is not reasonable to suppose that the parents and friends of these boys have abandoned them on the hope of seeing them returned.

Beyond a doubt one of them has many good traits of character, which cultivated and encouraged may overcome the bad ones and enable them to become useful men. Would it not have been better if the superintendent of schools felt called upon to comment through the columns of a newspaper on the past history of these unfortunate boys, to speak of some of the good things they have done, rather than search the school records for something to blacken their character.

We feel that such an act was unadvisable, unkind, uncharitable and unchristian.

Where is the parent who has raised a family of children who would wish to have the "youth-light" turned on every act of those children through the columns of a newspaper?

Without offering any apology in this way of defending the actions of these boys, we feel that such an act on the part of the superintendent of schools renders poor assistance in the task of reformation, and comes from a source of PARENT.

The little ones who write to Santa Claus are never backward about asking for what they want and their royal highness will come as near complying with every request as possible.

The McCull family has gone to Paris to reside and should the McCurdys not have any fear of any serious invasion of his own market, under a reciprocal treaty by our products. Such reciprocity would simply be free trade for him and ruin for us. For this reason the president has no sympathy with that kind of a maximum and minimum tariff.

The only way left for the powers to find out what is going on in St. Petersburg, Moscow and other Russian cities is to send out exploring parties or spies since all telegraphic connection has been severed.

The standpatters are now threatened that unless they yield to the wishes of the tariff reformers they will be swept out of power. Well bring on your free trade brooms and sweep them out just as McKinley was swept out for the same cause and then line the fences in this respect will thus be restored in a millennium of literacy.

In explanation of the fact that the girls have caught up with the boys, it is suggested that boys are less subject to parental control than girls and more prone to play truant, and that they are also more frequently required to contribute to the family income by becoming wage earners when they should be in school.

Commenting on this condition, the bulletin says:

Thus the changes which are in progress point to the coming of a time when females of all ages will be less illiterate than the males. They also point to the coming of a time in the more remote future, when illiteracy for all classes will have practically disappeared and equality of the sexes in this respect will thus be restored in a millennium of literacy.

In the country the illiteracy among children is 89 per thousand; in the city, using this term to designate collecting cities of over 25,000 inhabitants, it is only 10 per thousand. The contrast is least in the North Atlantic states. In this section child illiteracy in the city is 8 per thousand; and in the country 5 per thousand. In the South Atlantic division 32 and 192 for city and country, respectively, and in the South Central, 45 and 181 per thousand. Illiteracy is in general greater in the south than the north for all classes of the population. Perhaps the fairest basis of comparison between the two sections is that for native white children living in cities of over 25,000 inhabitants. In the North Atlantic division the illiteracy for this class of children is 2.1 and in the North Central 1.9; in the South Atlantic division it is 8.3, and in the South Central 13.7.

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same increase of banking facilities has been going on. As the old banks remain it must be they are doing something beside raising cane, cotton, and tobacco.

The south was doing nothing of this kind when it was under the influences of its Wilson tariff or when it was crying for free silver. This prosperity has come to it through the economic principles of the republican party, which have given prosperity to the entire country. The people have money and when this is true banks are multiplied and the money deposited in them is used to make more money and more deposits. The south prospers though it votes for conditions adverse to prosperity.

DECLINING ILLITERACY.

Washington dispatches report that according to a bulletin just issued by the census bureau, about a hundred and six persons out of 1,000, in the United States over ten years old, are unable to write, which is equivalent to about one in ten. Of the native white population, only 46 out of every 1,000, or fewer than one in twenty, of the foreign born whites, 123 out of every 1,000, and of the negroes 445 out of every 1,000, are illiterate. International comparisons, restricted as far as possible to corresponding classes of the population are on the whole favorable to this country, indicating that in most European countries illiteracy is much more prevalent than it is here, although the United States is still far behind Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Switzerland. There is also ground for satisfaction in the statistical evidence that illiteracy is steadily being reduced. In 1890, the number of illiterates in 1,000 was 133, for the total population, 62 for the native white population, 130 for negroes, Indians and Mongolians.

Women are shown to be more illiterate than men, the percentage for females being 112 in 1,000, and for males 101. But the contrast is less marked than it was in 1890, when the illiteracy for the two sexes was 141 and 123, respectively.

NEARBY TOWNS

BOX FOR PREACHER AND HIS FAMILY

Work Being Done by the Missionary Workers at Clinton.

Special Correspondence.

Clinton, Dec. 5.—The W. M. Society of the Methodist church have voted

to send a box of provisions to a minis-

ter and his family in North Carolina,

and have made new dresses and other

articles for the children at Cumming,

near Atlanta, Ga., where the minis-

ter is now located.

The P. E. O. Club Entertains.

The Royal Neighbors will give a

lunch at the home of Mrs. Lucy Bo-

land Tuesday evening.

The literary department of the W.

man club will meet with Miss Ne-

shimura Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Mary Oller was tendered a

luncheon Sunday evening, the occa-

sion being the 44th anniversary of her

birthday.

Marriage Licenses.—Ora H. Bow-

den and Miss Minnie Wohlfarth P.

Roy Ziegler, Rexford Kimball,

Mrs. Eli Holtzman, Stonington

window. It is thought to be

a work of local talent.

Frank Jones, son of James Jones,

this city, has joined the U. S. navy

and will leave for Philippine waters

Jan. 1.

John L. Anderson, a prominent far-

mer of Locust township, has moved w

ith his family to this city and will

work in the hardware business with

his brother, Ed C. Anderson.

The Lodge of L. K. S. had their

regular Sunday, although not a m

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Miss Alta Hatfield was pleasantly

surprised by a number of her friends

at her home on North Grant avenue

in honor of her 17th birthday.

Edwards will sell at Carter's Inter-

iorium Friday Dec. 5 thirty head of

Indian ponies all broke to ride and

walk.

ATWOOD.

Special Correspondence.

Atwood, Dec. 5.—Mrs. O. L. Bass

Hobbin visited relatives here t

o week.

Mrs. Anna Moore and Miss Jos

ephine were Decatur visitors Friday

Miss Nona Richer, who is teach

ing at Atwood, spent Thanksgiving e

vening.

Mrs. Calvert of Tuscola visited

son Charles this week.

Mrs. Mattie Moore is very ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. James Fisher of Dayton, O.

visited Mr. Fisher's parents over Sun

day.

Miss Cora Thrasher spent Sunday

with her parents at Ellington.

Prof. Aphrodite brought two gentle

men friends of Champaign this week.

Miss G. O. Wrightson is visiting

her sister, Mrs. J. W. Reid, at She

ffield this week.

Frank Browning and wife of Mow

qui spent Thanksgiving with the

father John Brownrigg, and family.

Mrs. Emily Moore returned from a

few weeks' visit at Columbus, O.

Mrs. Sophia Gross is clerkin

g Storey & Son's during the holidays.

Bethel Jones and wife, Bent

Abrahams, who has been ill in

Louis for the three months, is qu

ite ill at the home of his father, Dr. J. D. Abrahams.

Miss F. G. Calvert entered the

lodge Monday night. The evening was

spent playing whist. Eight refreshments

were served.

Walter Baugher goes to Chicago Mo

day to buy Christmas goods.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sutherland

spent Sunday with C. S. G

rett and wife.

MONTICELLO.

Monticello, Dec. 5.—Henry Dilley

and wife of Decatur are the guest

of her parents, Wilbur Stevenson and

his wife.

Miss Peale Martin of Bement visited

friends and attended the Cosmos dance

Thursday night.

J. O. Evans and wife of Bement were

the guests of A. B. Tindell and family

Thursday.

Mrs. Lena Griffith leaves Tuesday

for St. Joe, Mo., to attend business

college.

Prof. McIntosh returned to his stu

dies in Chicago Sunday.

Mrs. May Hess returned to her

home in Decatur Sunday after several

days' visit with Miss Veira Martin.

Frank Holland of Dexter, Mo., was

the guest of Cloud Davidson Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Davidson of Chicago

visited from Thursday until Sunday

with her parents.

Misses Bertha and Leah Gause

of Decatur visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Beulah Clark spent Sunday with

her parents in Ceto, Ohio.

Miss Marguerite Bebbinger return

Monday from a short trip with I

Karenne of Michigan.

Miss Alice Martin is entertaining a

friend, Fred Poe, over Sunday.

William Gleiter returned to his stud

ies at Webster college Monday morn

ing.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and wife at

the funeral of Chesty Glover in De

catur Sunday.

Will Scott of Oklahoma is the guest

of friends here.

Miss Anna Palmer of the U. S. spent

her Thanksgiving vacation at

home.

Miss Nan Snock of Champaign

spent Thursday with Di and Mrs. I.

Stock.

William Hilt and family of Decatur

visited his parents Sunday.

Miss Blanche Oldham of Bement

spent Thanksgiving with Howard and

Fred last week.

Mrs. E. W. Lumden and son Albie

were the guests of her son near Bett

any last week.

DEMOCRATS HAVE A

Williams Refuses to

Washing of Dirty

In House.

SOUTHERN MEMBER

Because of State

Williams That He

vented Assignment

CUT DOWN EXPENSE

Suggestion Made for Big

Land Department

Washington Dec. 5.—A bill for

the reduction of expenses in the

Land Department was introduced

in the Senate by Senator

John R. Dill. The bill provides

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